

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07/20/2009 has been entered.

Notice of Amendment

2. In response to the amendments filed on 07/20/2009, amended claim(s) 1, 7, and 24 is/are acknowledged. The current rejections of the claim(s) 1-7, 9-11, and 24-32 is/are *withdrawn*. The following is/are set forth:

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 13-20, filed 07/20/2009, with respect to the allowability of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 24-32 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not disclose, teach, and/or fairly suggest: a device for

collecting blood and administering medical fluids to a patient, comprising *inter alia*: a main tubing segment for conveying both blood and medical fluids; an indicator unit disposed in bidirectional fluid communication with the main tubing segment, adapted for indicating blood volume, having one end with at least one air-permeable and liquid impermeable membrane disposed therein, a second opposite end disposed in fluid communication with and fluidly sealed to the main tubing segment, and an airflow passageway defined in coinciding relationship with a bidirectional liquid flow pathway between the two ends; an access port disposed in bidirectional fluid communication with the main tubing segment and disposed in a branched relationship with the indicator unit with respect to the main tubing segment; and a clamp disposed on the main tubing segment for selectively blocking and unblocking fluid flow therethrough in both directions.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Keith Harrison on 09/17/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 12-23 should read: (Cancelled).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFREY G. HOEKSTRA whose telephone number is (571)272-7232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571)272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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